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- (1) US 6 117 859;
- (2) EP 0 221 211;
- (3) Takehisa et al., JP 37 000225 - Abstract;
- (4) WO 99/55663;
- (5) WO 99/65449;
- (6) GB 1 079 177, published August 16, 1967;

- (7) Database Crossfire Beilstein XP002536489 (Abstract), Database Accession Nos. 2818733 and 2819714, 1964;
- (8) Database Crossfire Beilstein XP002536490 (Abstract), Database Accession No. 2698830, 1965;
- (9) Database Crossfire Beilstein XP002536491 (Abstract), Database Accession No. 3372658, 1959;
- (10) WO 99/24404;
- (11) DE 1 017 606, published October 17, 1957, along with an English language translation thereof;
- (12) EP 0 081 782;
- (13) JP 62 099329;
- (14) MADAN et al., *Molecular Pharmacology* Vol. 58, No. 3., pp. 526-534, 2000;
- (15) EP 0 221 346; and
- (16) WO 00/35442.

Furthermore, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following U.S. patent application publications and the complete file histories associated with their corresponding U.S. patent applications, which patent applications are commonly assigned and co-pending:

- (17) US 2004/0259877 A1 (MUTO et al.), published December 23, 2004;
- (18) US 2007/0185110 A1 (MUTO et al.), published August 9, 2007;
- (19) US 2008/0090779 A1 (MUTO et al.), published April 17, 2008;
- (20) US 2006/0014811 A1 (MUTO et al.), published January 19, 2006;
- (21) US 2008/0318956 A1 (MUTO et al.), published December 25, 2008;

- (22) US 2008/0249071 A1 (MUTO et al.), published October 9, 2008; and
- (23) US 2008/0311074 A1 (MUTO et al.), published December 18, 2008.

Copies of the above-listed documents (6) – (9) and (11), as well as the extended European Search Report for European Application EP 07 01 5427 are enclosed together with a completed copy of the Form PTO-1449 listing these documents. Copies of the other documents listed above have either already been provided or are US patent application publications for which copies are not necessary. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the next communication.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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